

Notes on Trout Lake History

Page 2. Where was Shanty Bay? Near the present
Mulejick - Patterson - Hansen camps? Or near
Foot of Lake?

Page 2. at or to two places?
The first farm house burnt? Was it on right?

P 3. Jack Graham owns McMillan cottage, Mt. Bob.

P 3. Elsie Evans - about 1930-40

P 4. Truth Assn now defunct. Active about 1935-65.

P 5. J.S.B. island - once called Jordan I.

The Lansing estate, Watertown, (Woodrow Wilson's Scary
of Stake) once claimed ownership of all islands in the
lake. However Carpenter Isle, Beth Isle - Jordan I
(or Brown-Graham Isle) had been sold. I had to
get personal permission from Emma Lansing to put
a light pole on end of her little "Ship Island"
between mainland & my place (1939)

Incidentally the installation of electricity
in 1939 was an "event". They had a big
torchlight parade (on water) to celebrate.

MacMillan et al organized it. The ice man
and ice houses then went out of use.

Next McCallum used to deliver ice daily in summer.
And ice was cut for many years (1930-40 +
previous) at head of lake.

P 5. Is there any cardinal flower? I tried to
grow it on the island but failed several times.

P 5. In spring the service berry (shad bush) blooms
profusely - one of the loveliest sights.

p. 6. The Trout Lake Rod + Gun Club (see Richard Manzolati or Art Segron) has since 1935 or so seen to annual stocking of Trout (+ Cedar Lake).

p. 6. Geese also going south in fall. Saw 150 take off last Oct 6 at sunrise.

p. 6. Heinz Brodant

p. 7. What are the "fire falls"? This account omits the great forest fire about 1918, 19, or 20 which swept miles of the cut-over timberland to the west and narrowly missed consuming all camps on the lake. Was stopped by extraordinary effort at Trout Lake road. Mrs Wallace ^{Robt.} probably can supply some details.

Bronas I. was burned over (after logging) about 1925 so I understand. One can see where how long it takes the native pines to recover.

p. 70 Piping Trout lake water to where? Edwards?

The possibility of using Truth for Governor (or Sylvia Lake) was considered seriously around 1940

p. 7. The statement about plank road from Morrow Home would fit in better on page 3? It was many years ago.

p. 7. Wasn't it "Hitie" (not Hidie) Evans? Mrs Wallace says Hidie is right.

Merrills Dam, which created a small lake on the
about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of the Bancroft cottage on
headwaters of Tanner Creek may deserve mention.
I believe at one time this directed excess water
into Trout h. (there is evidence of an old
canal in the woods) and the Trout lake level
was maintained 3 or 4 ft higher than at present
for benefit of sawmills at foot of lake.

Beavers ~~may~~ have occupied Merrills Dam,
and other places including Trout h. outlet
at various times. In 1940's they dammed
the outlet and threatened to drown out
many boat-houses. The state finally trapped
jk removed them.

A control gate to regulate the water level
in summer was maintained 1940-60 & may
still be in use I believe. There have been
some minor problems in satisfying farmers
down Tanner Creek who wish the water to
be let out in dry spells in summer to
supply their cattle - resulting in lowering
the lake level uncomfortably for cottagers.

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Trout Lake is surrounded entirely by irregular hilly land underlain by gneiss or granite, hence there is no level or cultivable land of any extent around its borders.

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